

Competition to Name Six City Parks Opens Today

Six all-expense paid trips to Disneyland are top prizes in the park-naming contest opening today under the sponsorship of the city recreation department. Names for five recreation areas and the municipal plunge in the new civic center are being sought in the competition, which begins today and ends August 3.

The contest is open to all Torrance elementary school students who were in the 8th grade or under last year. Youngsters who will be in the 9th grade this September are eligible.

Entry Blank
An official entry blank will be found on this page. Additional entry blanks may be obtained at any Torrance playground. The entries may be returned to any park and must be in by August 2.

Recreation areas for which a name is being sought are: 22730 Lupin dr, adjacent to the Seaside school; 5101 Calle de Ricardo, adjacent to the Hollywood-Riviera school; 5006 Lee, in the new Kaufman tract south of Torrance blvd.; 3031 Torrance blvd., adjacent to the new civic center; and the municipal plunge at the civic center.

25-Word Statement
Contestants are required to select the one park they wish to name, give the park the name they think appropriate, and make a statement in 25 words or less why they favor this name.

Winners will be announced at a family picnic to be held in Torrance park on Saturday, August 18. Ice cream will be served to all family groups attending the affair, the department revealed.

The six first place awards for the naming of the parks will be a free, all-expense paid trip to Disneyland as guests of the parks and recreation commission. There will be additional ribbon awards for runners-up. Tickets entitling the contestants and their families to free ice cream at the family picnic will be given to the children by the recreation supervisors at the time the entry blanks are turned in.

Judges for the contest will be made up of members of the local newspapers, the school board, the city council, the planning commission and the recreation commission.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK PARK NAMING CONTEST

Park Location _____
Print location of Park you are naming _____
I suggest the Park name to be _____
because _____
Give your reasons. (Not to exceed 25 words) _____
Name of child (please print) _____
Address _____
Number _____ Street _____ City _____ Phone _____
Name of School attended _____
Grade last semester _____
All entries must be submitted to recreation director at any playground by August 3rd. Winners of the Contest will be announced at Family Picnic in Torrance Park, Saturday, August 18, 1956.
I plan to attend Presentation of Awards Program _____

El Camino Offers Classes And Recreation All Year

Currently offering a summer program for 2500 students and serving an additional 1200 persons daily in its swimming pools, El Camino College now offers academic instruction for all but six weeks throughout the year, President Forrest G. Murdock noted today.

The current summer program will run through August 10; counseling and registration procedures for the heavy fall enrollment will begin on August 6.

Commenting upon the new swimming pools on campus, the college official noted that the facilities are in use six days per week. The program started on June 16 and will run through August 31. Operating from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., the pools accommodate 1200 swimmers daily. Nine hours per day are devoted to swimming instruction, two for recreation, and one for a family hour, when parents and children may utilize the pools together. The pools are closed during lunch and dinner hours.

Additional recreational opportunities are offered in other areas of physical education for students.

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youngsters in the El Camino area as a part of the college summer program.

Two Alondra Park Jobs In Progress

With work at Alondra park proceeding rapidly under two major construction contracts the results of the development and improvement program mapped for the park by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn are beginning to take shape.

At the East side of the lake, huge earth-moving machines this week had started the excavations for the bridge to the island, and concrete crews were busy installing new walks, curbs and steps on the north side of the community building.

Construction will be started soon on a huge new picnic shelter to be located east of the lake. The shelter will feature a series of sheltered alcoves for cooking stations, each provided with a 2-burner gas stove, sink and shelf. The shelter will contain 18 picnic tables, and provision will be made for additional tables at an adjacent graveled area, Supervisor Hahn said.

El Nido Park Plans Game Tournament

Highlighting this week's activities at El Nido Park is a table games tournament, to be held Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m. Open to both boys and girls, competition will take place in checkers, chess, and carroms.

This event will take place as part of the summer program now under way, Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be under the joint sponsorship of El Nido Park and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

The tournament and the many other special events and tournaments will be held weekly and highlight the various activities, including games, sports, arts, and crafts, of the Park.

Storm... & ... Stress

By MYRON ROBERTS

This year my wife (and I agreed) that we would spend a quiet, restful vacation alongside a magical lake surrounded by shade-giving forests, like they have in the beer commercials.

Five hundred miles, as the Dodge flies, later we arrived at Lake Tahoe—hot, tired but dead game. Having survived our journey through what poets call "The Wasteland"—a vast, numb desert adorned by such delightful oasis as Devil's Gate, Deadman's Pass, Satan's Summit and just plain Poverty Hills—we arrived at the Tahoe Biltmore prepared for a week of luxurious idleness.

Shoving our white, sunless bodies into swim-suits, we headed for the pool. Scattered about it were various slim, magnificently torsoed youths of both sexes, all with rich, cream-like tans. Collectively they seemed like Greek gods and goddesses—proud, aloof and omnipotent. Individually, they broke down a bit. One of the goddesses had trouble with her bikini, it kept crawling up over her navel and she had an awful time keeping it balanced on that thin line between ambition and indecency.

And then there was Apollo. An imperially slim, golden young man who sauntered about the pool carrying an over the shoulder bag. And the fellow I called Hermes, the messenger of the gods. An aging, paunchy Hermes with thinning hair whose greatest delight seemed to be in the service of the ladies. He was forever hovering about the goddesses, rubbing sun-tan lotion on this one, handing Kleenex to that one, or procuring drinks for a third. Like Caesar he seemed to be every maid's lover and every woman's husband.

Having thoroughly scorched our skins and glutted our eyes, (all the while trying to appear serene and godlike ourselves) we retired from the pool to savor the night life.

We had dinner and scurried over to the gaming halls in a mood to test Nevada's proud boast, "Recreation Unlimited." But the sight that greeted us was somewhat deflating. Grim, stern-faced players were either clustered around bored little men with green aprons, or earnestly shoving coins into little machines that whirred incessantly but clanged forth a return only occasionally. We looked about for excitement, glitter and romance but alas the only exciting thing in the place was the money.

Well we tried roulette. With glittering eyes I handed the man two dollars for a stack of chips. Eagerly I chucked it in on number 27, which I was scientifically certain had a rendezvous with destiny. In the meantime the man with the green apron hardly knew I was there. He was busy talking to one of the lady goddesses we had seen at the pool that morning. Hoping to partake of the gay romance of the area, I eavesdropped.

"What time ya off Joe?" the goddess asked. "Bout midnight," he replied, pointing to number 5, scooping in my chips and whirling the little ball again in one unconscious gesture.

"Working late, huh?" said the Goddess. "Yeh, and I'm dog-tired too he yawned, pointing to number seven and scooping in my chips.

Well this went on in a similar vein through many a two dollar stack until I discovered, to my horror, that not only was Number 27 not Fortune's Darling, but the goddess was a shill. (i.e. a paid employee). Before long I too was a grim, stern-faced player.

My wife fared better. She was content to watch until

one of the men with the green aprons called out to her "Step in and play Lady, you might be walking around lucky and not know it." Overwhelmed by the thought, she plunged in and lost — even as you and I.

Bloody but unbeaten we retired from the casino to try a bit of night life. And who should come up to take our order for a drink but good, old Miss Bikini herself. And looking up toward the bar we saw another strange sight. For there was Hermes mixing drinks.

For one awful moment I wondered if we were the only paying guests in the palace, but a quick survey of the condition of my wallet assured me otherwise.

The next night, somewhat subdued, we went to the movies. Strangely enough it was a story of five Hollywood college boys who, in lieu of a panty raid, decide to heist Harold's Club, Nevada's biggest and richest gambling hall. Well it all turns out to a pretty bum gag when one of the boys decides to keep the million they playfully swipe, just like a common crook. But Kim Novak saves everything.

Kim, a college sweet heart type if there ever was one, calls in the cops which proves that coeds may not mind a few vanishing undies but they want things put back where they belong.

Well along about this time we decided to take on a little of this sky blue water. We swam in the lake, tramped in the forests and wallowed in the sun. It was all good, clean, and healthy — but somehow the rustling of the trees kept reminding me of a deck of cards being shuffled, the waves lapping at the shore of a pair of dice being rolled. And the wind seemed to whisper "Twenty-Seven." With all nature against me what could I do?

At least we saved enough to get home on. And we have learned our lesson. From now on to hell with the beauties of nature, we spend our vacations in wicked, sinful city. But occasionally, midst some trouble midnight or noon's repose, will I find myself wondering? I might be walking around lucky and not even know it.

New GOP Club Holds First Meet

A return to the political flavor and fire of yesteryear was heralded last night at the initial meeting of the Young Republican club of Torrance at the Higgins Brick and Tile company, 2217 174th street, according to officials of the club.

The theme of "Arise Young Republicans of Torrance" prevailed at this first semi-social get-together which kicked off a brand new, year-round political organization for Torrance residents.

All Republicans between the ages of 18 and 36 were invited to attend the meeting. More than 50 young Torrance men and women turned out last night to meet their neighbors and friends in the new housing developments, it was reported.

Principal speaker of the evening was Howard Jarvis, chief of the L. A. County Republican Speakers' Bureau, who delivered a 15-minute speech entitled "YR Kicks for '56."

Also on tap for the speaking portion of the meeting were the following Republican leaders: Charles Soderstrom, Seventeenth Congressional district chairman; Mrs. Kay Ridenauer, Seventeenth district precinct chairman; Mrs. Helen Spires, Sixty-eighth assembly district chairman; Bob Miles, president, L. A. County Young Republicans; Charles Franklin, Seventeenth district congressional candidate; Tom Brewer, Sixty-eighth district assembly candidate.

Pancake Fete Set July 29 At McMaster

On Sunday morning, July 29, Boy Scout Troop 753 will host a pancake breakfast from 6 a.m. until noon, at McMaster Park. Troop 753 is sponsored by the AMVET South Bay Post 82.

"All you can eat" is promised at the affair, which is intended to raise funds for the troop's proposed clubhouse in North Torrance, according to Sam Freedman, publicity chairman for the troop.

The menu will include orange juice, pancakes with syrup, sausage, coffee and all are invited. The Pillsbury Flour Company is donating the pancake flour.

Oh, yes—the fathers will do the cooking, while mothers relax, the scouts promised.



Eight brand spankin' new Chevrolets were delivered to the city this week by Paul's Chevrolet agency. Above, Paul Loranger, center, turns keys to cars over to City Manager George Stevens, left, and Mayor Al Isen, right, in front of Torrance's new civic center. The enlarged fleet of cars will enable the city to provide better services to local residents, Stevens said—Press Photo.

Judge McKesson To Speak On Parents' Responsibilities

Residents of the Torrance and South Bay area will have the opportunity of listening to the Honorable Judge William B. McKesson on the subject of the problems of parental responsibility of the upbringing of modern day youth, at the "Challenge of Youth Rally" to be held at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Friday, July 20, at 8:30 p.m., according to Mr. Gerald Revell, president of Cal-Metal Corp. and chairman of the affair.

Judge McKesson was selected for this discussion because of his outstanding background in this field, Revell said. Los Crusados Council of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the program which is open to the general public. In addition to

his background in youth work, Judge McKesson has been active in the fraternal activities of the Masonic Order. He is a member of the Al Malaika Temple of the Shrine.

Judge McKesson is now serving as Judge of the Superior Court in Department 27. Prior to his appointment to that department he served as Presidential Judge of the Juvenile Court of Los Angeles County from 1951 to 1956.

Judge McKesson is locally and nationally recognized as an outstanding authority on youth problems. In 1955 he received the Youth Service Award from the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was recently nominated for the Lane Bryant Co. national award for

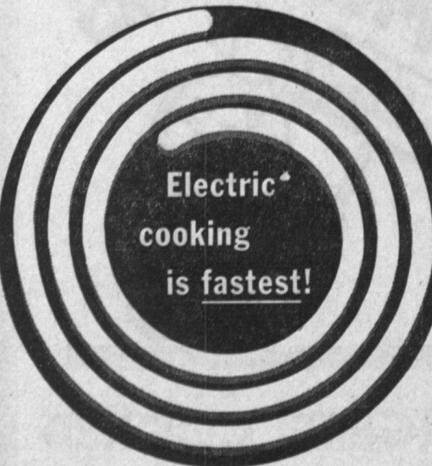
work in the "Preservation of the American Family."

Another prominent speaker on this occasion will be Lieutenant John E. O'Grady of the Narcotics Division of the Los Angeles Police Force. O'Grady, who is currently involved in the investigation of dope traffic, has over eight years experience in this field, and has been instrumental in over 2,000 arrests of narcotic peddlers and addicts. O'Grady will also show a short film.

This program is of particular significance at this time in view of the growing Juvenile Delinquency Problem. All parents are urged to attend this important community meeting. This service is provided through the courtesy of the Knights of Columbus as part of their Civic Affairs Program, according to Dick Burch, Grand Knight of Los Crusados Council.



All the thrill and excitement of a real "wild-west" rodeo is promised for Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12. The professional rodeo will be staged in conjunction with the dedication of the new civic center on those two days, at Torrance blvd. and Madrona ave. The event will feature bronc busting, steer roping and a host of other rodeo exhibitions. In picture above, Steve Njoes, professional rider, displays bronc bustin' talent. City folk have an unusual treat in store for them, and the kiddies will love it. Rodeo sponsors are the Torrance Mounted Police and the Torrance Lions club. Tickets may be purchased at the gates, or may be obtained ahead of time from club members and downtown merchants.



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